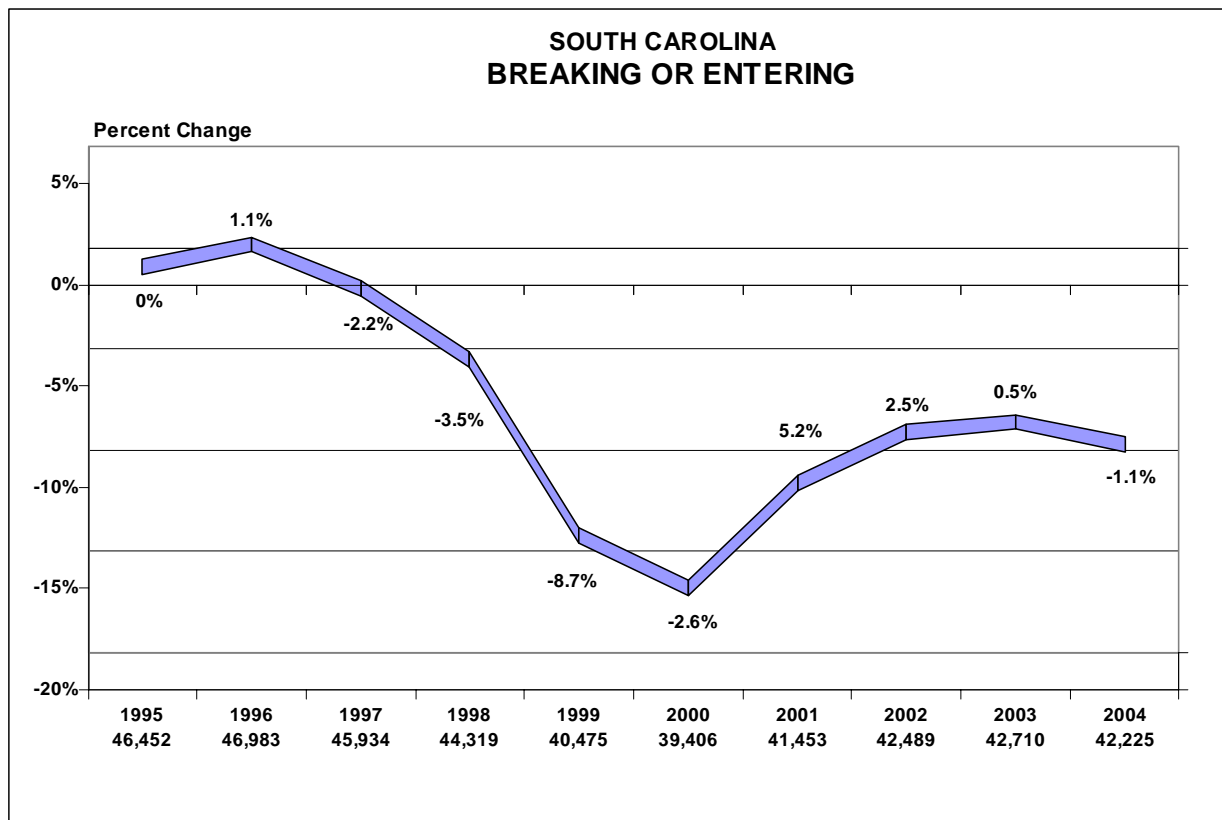


# BREAKING OR ENTERING

## **DEFINITION**

Breaking or Entering, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure with intent to commit a serious crime or theft. It is not necessary that force be used in gaining entry in order for the offense to be classified as an unlawful entry. Neither is it necessary that property loss occur for the crime to be counted in this category. Attempts to unlawfully enter a structure are also counted. One offense is counted for each distinct operation.



### 2004 SUMMARY

A total of 42,225 breaking or entering offenses was reported in the 2004 crime index. During this year, breaking or entering offenses decreased 1.1 percent compared to those reported in 2003.

There were 5,424 breaking and entering offenses cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 12.8 percent.

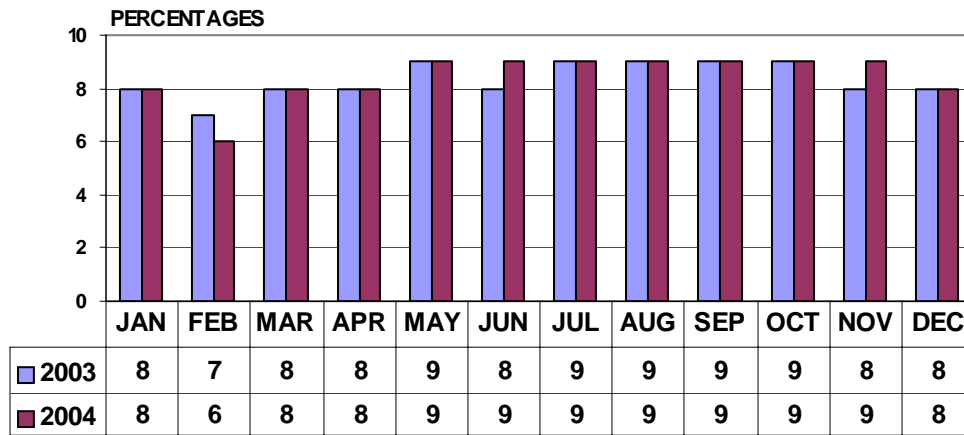
Breaking or entering accounted for 22.6 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 19.2 percent of the total crime index.

The breaking or entering rate in South Carolina was 101.1 per 10,000 persons.

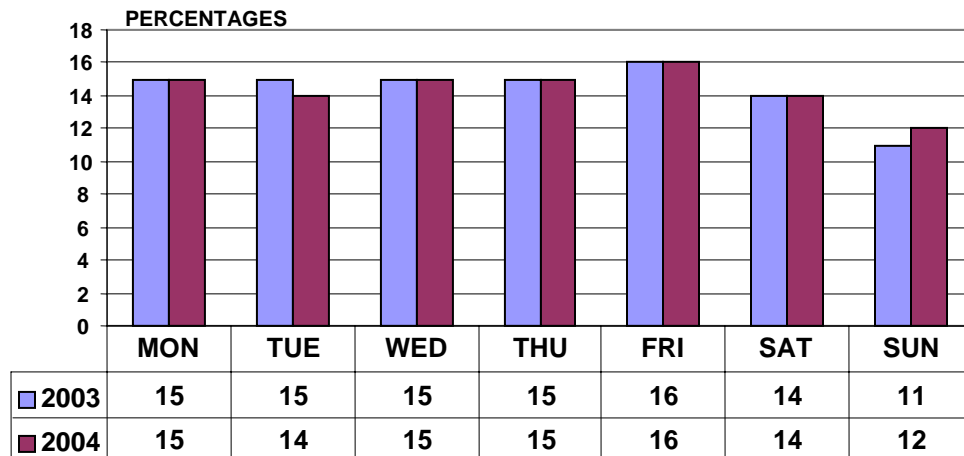
The age group 17-21 accounted for 29.9 percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering. Males represented 90.3 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for this offense, 50.5 percent were white, 49.0 percent were black, and 0.5 percent were other races.

There were 42,225 breaking or entering offenses reported in 2004. Of these 5.6 percent were attempts to commit breaking or entering.

### BREAKING OR ENTERING INCIDENTS BY MONTH



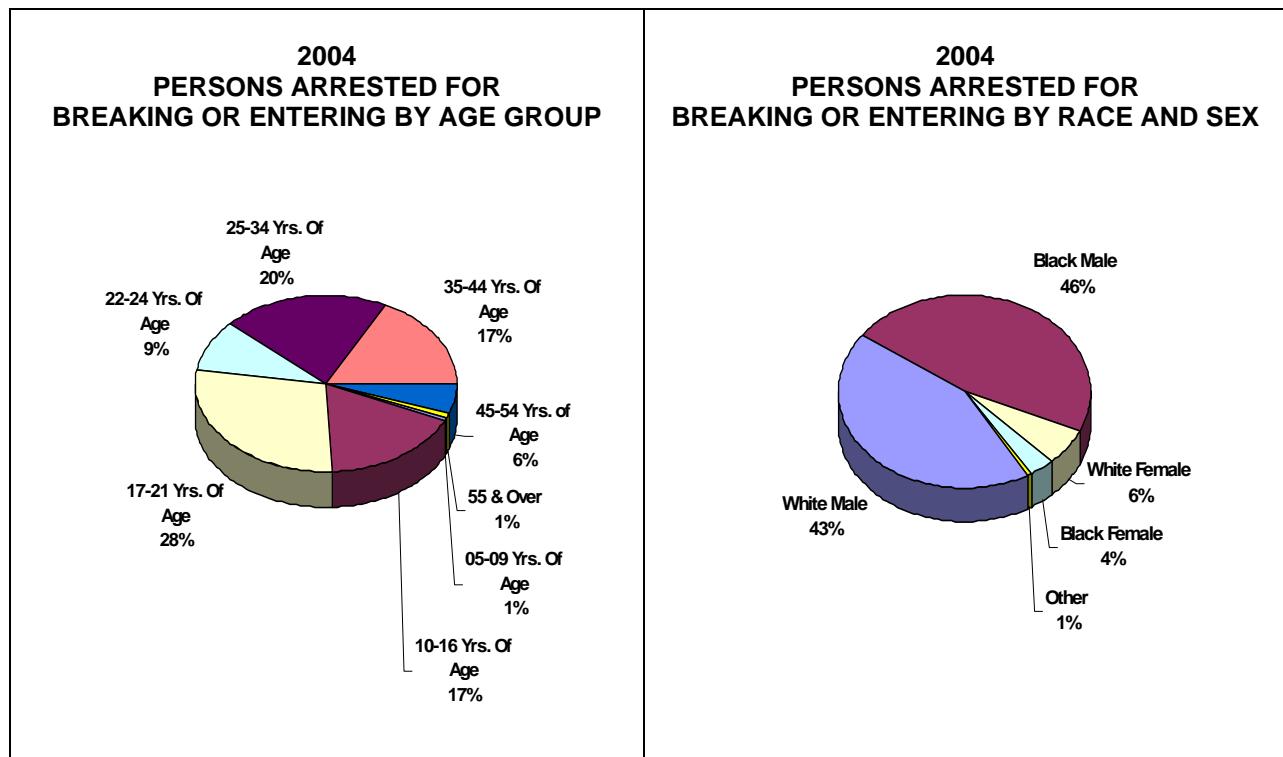
### BREAKING OR ENTERING INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



### 2004 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR BREAKING OR ENTERING

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	27	11	16	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	956	365	525	3	35	28	0
17 – 21	1,583	750	695	9	71	57	1
22 – 24	521	241	218	0	43	19	0
25 – 34	1,154	540	453	8	102	50	1
35 – 44	959	361	489	5	69	35	0
45 – 54	318	121	172	1	18	6	0
55 – 64	41	20	18	0	3	0	0
65 – 99	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>5,563</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2</b>

**NOTE:** The arrest counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all persons arrested that are linked to this offense type are counted.



Forty-three percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering in 2004 were white males, 47 percent were 21 years of age or younger; 46 percent were black males, 48 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 6 percent, while black females accounted for 4 percent of persons arrested for breaking or entering. Thirty-one percent of the white females and 44 percent of the black females arrested were 21 years of age or younger.

### 2002-2004 BREAKING OR ENTERING INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2002 Incidents	% Distr.	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	30,092	69.6	30,144	69.4	30,042	70.0
Nightclubs, Bars	431	1.0	436	1.0	377	0.9
Schools, Churches	1,699	3.9	1,559	3.6	1,501	3.5
Commercial	6,919	16.0	6,885	15.9	6,778	15.7
Hotels, Motels	787	1.8	839	1.9	731	1.7
Convenience Stores, etc.	1,055	2.4	1,102	2.5	1,096	2.6
Other	2,246	5.2	2,449	5.6	2,384	5.6
<b>State Total</b>	<b>43,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,418</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42,917</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**NOTE:** The counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere).

### 2002-2004 BREAKING OR ENTERING INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

